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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda items 116 and 123 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/55/690.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the question of gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities under item 116, in conjunction with item 123, at its 48th, 49th and 50th meetings, on 19, 20 and 22 March 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.48, 49 and 50).

3. For its consideration of the question, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities, containing both the annual report, covering the period from 1 October 1999 to 30 September 2000, and the quarterly report, covering the period from 1 July to 30 September 2000 (A/55/728);[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General containing the quarterly report on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2000 (A/C.5/55/13);[1]

[1] A related oral statement was made by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at the 48th meeting of the Fifth Committee, on 19 March 2001 (see A/C.5/55/SR.48).

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(c) Report of the Secretary-General containing the quarterly report on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2000 (A/C.5/55/36).[1]

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/55/L.45

4. At its 50th meeting, on 22 March, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities" (A/C.5/55/L.45) submitted by the Chairman.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/55/L.45 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the situation of gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

(b) Decides that future reports on the situation of gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities shall be submitted annually, commencing with the period ending 31 December 2000.

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[2] A/55/728, A/C.5/55/13 and A/C.5/55/36.

[3] See A/C.5/55/SR.49.